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The Federal Communications Commission
c/o Commission Secretary Marlene Dortch
445 12th Street SW
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 02-306

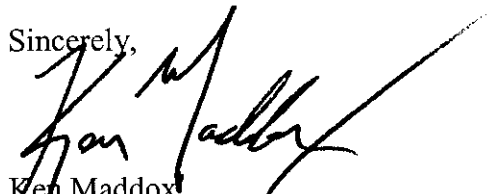
Dear Commissioners:

Over the past several years, I have followed with great interest SBC Pacific Bell's long distance application. It has been more than four years since it was initially filed at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and I am pleased that the application was endorsed by the CPUC on September 19, 2002.

Now that the application has been given state approval, I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve the filing and allow California consumers to benefit from savings, convenience, and more competition. With your approval, Californians will be able to enjoy the same benefits more than 100 million other Americans currently experience – we are truly looking forward to greater competition and lower prices for telecommunications services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and moving forward with the California application.

Sincerely,



Ken Maddox
Assemblyman, 68th District

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